

# June-07

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1-Jun 9am Canoe Hike *SLBR  2pm Worm Squirm *NC	2-Jun 10:30am Exploring Nature *NC 2pm Camouflage *NC 5-6:pm Roving *CG 6:30pm Mystery Hike *CS
3-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am: Dam Builders *NC 2pm Magnetic Ants *NC	4-Jun Nature Center Closed	5-Jun Nature Center Closed	6-Jun Nature Center Closed	7-Jun  NC opens at noon	8-Jun 9am Canoe Hike *SLBR  2:00pm Painting With Nature *NC	9-Jun <b>7am -noon Fishing Derby *SLFP</b> 2pm Gyotaku *NC
10-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am Who's Home *DLBL 2pm Turtle Talk *NC	11-Jun Nature Center Closed	12-Jun Nature Center Closed	13-Jun 10am Logging *BLPL  2pm Insects Bug Me *NC	14-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am Park Geology *DLBL 2pm Crafty Critters *NC	15-Jun 9am Canoe Hike *SLBR  2:00pm Nature Close-up *NC	16-Jun 10:30am Woodpecker Walk 2pm Nature's Bingo *NC 5-6pm Roving *CG 6:30pm Nature Games *CMA
17-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am Mystery Hike *NC 2pm Hummer4 *NC	18-Jun Nature Center Closed	19-Jun Nature Center Closed	20-Jun 10am Woodpecker Walk *DLBL 2pm Natures Wonders *CPA	21-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am Pond Play *NC 2pm Furry Friends *NC	22-Jun 9am Canoe Hike *SLBR  2pm Food Webs *NC	23-Jun <b>Poker Paddle: time TBA *SLBR</b> 2pm State Park Trivia Game *NC
24-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am Water Quality *SLFP 2pm Leaf printing	25-Jun Nature Center Closed	26-Jun Nature Center Closed	27-Jun 10am Wildberry Hunt *CPA  2pm Plant Pressures *NC	28-Jun 8:45am Feeding Time *NC 10am Wetland Wonders *NC 2pm Nature Close Up *NC	29-Jun 9am Canoe Hike *SLBR  2pm Casting *NC	30-Jun 2pm Trash to Treasure *NC  6-7pm Roving *CG 8pm Into the Night *NC

**Nature Center Hours:** 12:00pm-4:00pm Daily except Mon./Tues.

**Interpretive Naturalist:** Howard Luehrs

**Park Patch Program Daily** at 1:00pm in the Nature Center

**Calendar Key**

- \*BLPL = Bowen Lake Parking Lot
- \*CG = Campground
- \*CPA = Cabin Play Area
- \*CMA = Campground Play Area
- \*CS = Campground Store
- \*DLBL = Dock Lake Boat Launch

- \*NC = Nature Center
- \*SLBP = Sand Lake Beach Parking
- \*SLBR = Sand Lake Boat Rental
- \*SLFP= Sand Lake Fishing Pier
- \*SRS = Sunny Ridge Shelter

## Activities Descriptions

**Animal Feeding Time:** Meet the animals we have at the Nature Center. Feeding time @ 8:45am.

**Bountiful Bowen:** Meet the Naturalist at the Bowen Lake Parking Lot for this 1-mile hike to discuss habitats and micro-habitats that can be found, and what makes them successful around Bowen Lake.

**Camouflage:** Learn about animal camouflage and join in an activity that tests your observation skills.

**Canoe Hike:** Enjoy a 2-hour journey with the Naturalist through the lakes and channels of Chain of Lakes State Park. We will also do some water quality testing. Cost is \$5.00/hour/canoe.

**Casting:** Come to the Nature Center to make plaster casts of your favorite nature objects. Or, make a plaster casting using found objects.

**Dam Builders:** Join the Naturalist at the Dock Lake Boat Launch to go in search of beaver inhabitation.

**Exploring Nature:** This hike provides a variety of activities to help you explore nature.

**Feathered Friends:** Learn the many adaptations our feathered friends have, and explore our feather collection.

**Furry Friends:** Come explore and learn about the furry friends we have at the nature center.

**Food Webs:** Don't get caught! Learn the basics of nature's food webs and then join in some active activities.

**Game Night:** Meet at the campground playground for some games sure to make the kids sleep that night!

**Geocaching:** Learn the basics of this sport that leads you to hidden treasures in (sometimes) unusual places. Bring a GPS unit if you have one.

**Gyotaku:** Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center to learn the ancient Japanese art of recording the size of a fish. Make some of your own fish prints to take home and show your prize 'catch

**Hitchhikers:** How do seeds get spread? Hitch a ride to the nature center to find out.

**Hummer**<sup>4</sup>: No, not the car. It's all about the fabulous hummingbirds you can view here at the nature center.

**Into the night:** Come explore what it is like to be an animal at night. NO FLASHLIGHTS! 40min.

**Insects Bug Me!:** Enter the fascinating world of insects and put together some of your own.

**Ladybug Ladybug:** Learn why you want ladybugs in your garden and make a ladybug hand puppet to take home.

**Leaf Printing:** Practice the art of leaf printing and bark rubbings. Take home wearable art if you bring a T-shirt or bandana.

**Logging:** Get ready to explore as we go in search of critters that live under logs and rocks.

**Magnetic Ants:** Make your own ant to take home as you learn about their role and what we can learn from them.

**Mystery Hike:** Not really a hike at all, but certainly a mystery! 30 min.

**Nature's Bingo:** Come play Nature's BINGO at the Nature Center. *FUN*, **and** the chance to win Prizes!

**Nature Close-up:** Come see how much nature there is to be found in a square yard.

**Natures Wonders:** Join the naturalist at the Cabin Play Area for this hearty 2-mile hike in search of the many wonders nature provides. 1 hour.

**Painting with Nature:** Express your creative side by using paintbrushes made by nature.

**Park Geology:** Learn about what made Chain of lakes State park as we hike trails that show us examples of the different terrain features.

**Plant Pressures:** Learn how to identify some simple leaves and make a basic plant press.

**Pond Play:** Bring your shore shoes or waders and plan on getting muddy! The Naturalist will help you discover what types of critters can be found in our lakes and channels

**Roving:** Watch for the Naturalist wandering through the campground. He may be carrying surprises!

**State Park's Trivia Game:** Play a game, win prizes, and learn about the many recreational opportunities right here in Indiana!

**Trail Blazer** – This is a habitat walk as we will traverse just about all of the habitats found in Chain of Lakes State Park. Moderate+ hiking due to hills and length (about 2 hours).

**Trash to Treasure:** Bring some of your (clean) trash to the Nature Center and we will turn the collected pile into a treasure to behold.

**Tracking:** Make tracks to the Nature Center where we will use plaster castings for art projects.

**Water Quality:** Learn some basics of water quality by making observations and doing some simple tests. Wear your shore shoes or waders!

**Welcome to Sing Sing:** Learn some great camp songs and sing along with your fellow campers.

**Who's Home:** We will be watching closely for animal signs, tracks, and where they might live on this hike. If the conditions are right we will make casts of some of the tracks.

**Wildflower Walk:** Discover what flowers are in bloom and learn how to identify them using a flower guide on this hike with the naturalist.

**Woodpecker Walk:** Join the Naturalist at the Dock Lake Boat Launch to look for signs of the half-dozen woodpeckers that can be found in the park.

**Worm Squirm** – Vermiculture. Learn how to set up your own worm compost farm. Learn how beneficial these animals are.

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**Beginning Backpacking:** You don't have to hike far to 'get away from it all. Are you ready to shed the TV and get out further into nature? Learn the basics of what to bring and how to pack

**Beginning Birding:** Join the Naturalist to learn a few simple keys to bird identification. This could be the start of your journey into the fascinating world of birding.



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